

HIGH-UPS NAMED IN FRAUD PROBE

Martin, Cincinnati Man, Makes A Startling Confession

Attorney General Hears It--Prisoner Alleges That Only Four Thousand Of The Seventy-Seven Thousand Signatures Attached To Referendum Petitions Are Genuine--Names Of Those Responsible For Frauds In Possession Of State

Columbus, O., July 12.—William Martin of Cincinnati, who is held here on a charge of forgery, made a startling confession to Attorney General Hogan and his assistant, Charles C. Marshall. Martin told of the scheme of forgery perpetrated in securing signatures to the petitions for a referendum on the Green compensation law, naming the men who he said engineered the plan of forgery, telling in detail how the fraud was accomplished, declaring that only about one-twentieth of the entire list of signatures are genuine. Martin is quoted as saying:

"If 4,000 of the 77,000 signatures attached to the petitions are genuine, I will eat the whole lot."

"Martin has exposed the most gigantic fraud ever perpetrated in the annals of history," said Attorney General Hogan. It took him an hour to relate his story to the state prosecutors. It was voluntary. Martin arranged the meeting with the attorney general.

As a result of Martin's confession, in which he named the persons "high up" who, he says, planned the fraud, Attorney General Hogan and his assistants are certain they will have no trouble in landing the responsible persons.

Martin said he was employed by Charles F. Kibler of Cleveland to take charge of securing petitions in Highland, Greene, Brown, Clark, Delaware, Miami and Champaign counties. He said practically every name on the petitions from those counties is forged, and he said Mr. Kibler knew of the methods that were being employed.

"Go ahead and get the names any old way," were the instructions given him and other solicitors by the "men higher up" at the Grand hotel, Cincinnati, where plans were laid and carried into execution, Martin said.

Said All Names Were Bogus.

Martin declared that every one of the 7,200 names on petitions from Butler county was a forgery. Not a single petition was circulated in the county. Names were obtained from election registration books and written in the petitions at the Grand hotel, Cincinnati.

Martin also said that not a single signature is genuine on petitions from Brown, Greene, Highland and Delaware counties. Only four of the names on the Champaign county petition are genuine, Martin declared. The rest were supplied by himself and other solicitors from election poll books. Only 10 or 12 names on the Clark county petition are genuine.

According to Martin, things were running smoothly in Miami county until he entered the works of the Favorite Stove Foundry company in

Troy. "They threatened to mob me and chased me from the foundry," he said.

According to Martin, the 5,000 names alleged by the Equity association of Cleveland to have been thrown out before the petitions were filed with the secretary of state were rejected because the "fellow" who filled in the names had made all his "Ts" and "J's" so much alike.

Martin said that he had four and five solicitors working for him in each county over which he had charge. The affidavits made by these solicitors are said to be perjuries.

Walter A. Vincent charged with perjury in swearing to false signatures on a referendum petition on the Green law, was held to the grand jury under \$10,000 bond in police court. William Martin, charged with a similar offense, pleaded not guilty and his case was set for next Friday.

DENOUNCES FRAUDS

Cox In Mansfield Speech Refers to Referendum Revelations.

Mansfield, O., July 12. — Governor Cox, in an address delivered before the Mansfield chamber of commerce, discussed the frauds recently unearthed in connection with the referendum petitions and bitterly scored those who were responsible for them. The governor endorsed the laws passed by the recent legislature and declared that he has "no fear as to the result of a referendum vote on the progressive legislation enacted, because it is right." The governor attacked certain interests at Columbus who have, he says, been preying on the fears of business organizations, and blamed them for the effort to override the advanced legislation adopted by the latest legislature.

Lover Held Without Bail.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 12.—Herbert Johns was held without bail for the murder of Alice Crispell, whose body was found in Harvey's lake last Monday. Alderman Frank B. Brown, who held him after a hearing, took the position that the state had made out a prima facie case against Johns and that he must answer at court for the death of the girl.

Free Scholarships In Guatemala.

Washington, July 12.—Secretary of State Bryan announced that the government of Guatemala offered the United States five free scholarships in Guatemalan educational institutions which are open to that number of young men or women from this country. The offer has been accepted by Mr. Bryan and will be laid before the educational institutions of the United States.

PRESIDENT WILSON "RESTING AT" SUMMER WHITE HOUSE WHEN NOT ON GOLF COURSE OR MOTOR TRIPS



Cornish, N. H., July 12.—President Wilson did not lose his touch upon the fevered pulse of turbulent Washington while he was playing golf and resting with his family at Harlakenden, the summer White House, near here. He was snapped, as you see,

OHIO'S WHEAT CROP SUFFERED MUCH DAMAGE

The following is the official report of the Ohio Department of Agriculture on condition of crops and live stock for July and is compiled from returns received from the official correspondents of this department:

Wheat—Prospect compared with normal yield, 84 per cent.

Wheat—Damaged by joint worm, 4 per cent.

Barley—Prospect compared with normal yield, 89 per cent.

Rye—Prospect compared with normal yield, 91 per cent.

Oats—Prospect compared with normal yield, 81 per cent.

Corn—Area in 1912, 3,277,717 acres.

Corn—Area compared with last year, 95 per cent.

Corn—Total estimated area for 1912, 3,044,078 acres.

Corn—Condition compared with an average, 90 per cent.

Corn—Damaged by cut worm, 3 per cent.

Corn—Damaged by grub worm, 2 per cent.

Clover—Damaged by white grub worm, 4 per cent.

Potatoes—Area in 1912, 103,261 acres.

Potatoes—Area compared with last year, 94 per cent.

Potatoes—Estimated area for 1912, 97,500 acres.

Potatoes—Condition compared with an average, 86 per cent.

Tobacco—Area compared with last year, 84 per cent.

Timothy—Prospect compared with normal yield, 76 per cent.

Pastures—Condition compared with an average, 91 per cent.

Horses—Condition compared with an average, 97 per cent.

Cattle—Number compared with an average, 92 per cent.

Cattle—Condition compared with an average, 96 per cent.

Calves—Number compared with an average, 92 per cent.

Wool—Clipped compared with last year, 87 per cent.

"Twixt optimist and pessimist

The difference is droil;

The optimist sees the doughnut,

The pessimist sees the hole."

Optimistic reports of 928 honest, intelligent, observing farmers, reference to Ohio's present wheat prospect, indicate substantial criticism of recent reports issued through ignorance or for purpose of manipulating the market.

Reports have been widely circulated that Ohio's wheat crop had suffered severe damage by ravages of joint worm. The present official report shows this damage to be but 4 per

cent, hence the disparaging reports must have emanated from buggy farmers or Pullman car correspondents for the benefit of others than those working for and in harmony with the farmers' best interests. Last year the damage from this source was estimated at 3 per cent, but no distress signals were in evidence at that time. Figures here in reference to wheat prospect are based upon fifteen bushels per acre being represented by 100 per cent.

With the wheat harvest in full blast, indications are for a record production in many counties of the state. The prospect for the state as a whole is estimated at 94 per cent. In a limited southeast section of state the poorest prospect is reported—76 per cent. The counties comprising this section total a much smaller wheat area than counties comprising each of the other sections of the state. The northeast section shows a prospect of 92 per cent; northwest section, 105 per cent; southwest section, 97 per cent. Thirty-one counties show a prospect of 100 per cent or better. Fulton county promises the banner yield per acre, present prospect estimated at 136 per cent. Ottawa county follows closely, with a prospect of 131 per cent. Other counties with flattering prospects are Lucas, 121 per cent; Preble, 120 per cent; Williams, 123 per cent; Shelby, 117 per cent; Wood, 114 per cent; Drake, 114 per cent; Miami, 111 per cent; Montgomery, 111 per cent; Delaware, 109 per cent; Henry, 109 per cent; Allen, 109 per cent; Hamilton, 108 per cent.

The poorest prospect in the state is that of Washington county—55 per cent. Threshing should fully refute the pessimistic claims now being circulated by others than those that till the soil.

Oats prospect shows a decline since issuance of last report. This is due principally to drought. Rain is needed badly. Present prospect is estimated at 81 per cent.

The corn area is estimated at 3,044,078 acres. This is 5 per cent less than the 1912 acreage, but is approximately the same as the area of 1911. The growing condition of the crop is quite satisfactory, estimated at 90 per cent compared with an average.

The area planted to potatoes is estimated at 97,500 acres. Condition of crop, 86 per cent compared with an average. Compared with a normal yield timothy prospect is estimated at 76 per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Cooper left this morning for Lakeside where they will spend two weeks.

MORE RADICAL THAN THE HOUSE

Senate Majority Slashes Duties In The Tariff Bill

Revenue Boosted \$5,000,000--Many Amendments Made By Senate Finance Committee To The Revision Measure As It Passed The Lower Branch Of Congress--Bill Before Senate And Six Weeks' Debate Anticipated

Washington, July 12.—Reductions averaging nearly 10 per cent from the duties provided in the house bill are the distinctive features of the senate's version of the Wilson-Underwood tariff measure, approved by the senate finance committee and reported by Chairman Simmons to the senate.

While raw wool is to become free of duty Dec. 1, this year, and sugar is to go on the free list May 16, 1916, as provided in the original Underwood bill, the senate measure has switched most of the other agricultural products from the dutiable to the free list, and drastically reduced the rates on metals.

"For the first time in American history," said Senator Thomas of Colorado, one of the most active members of the finance committee, "the senate majority has shown itself more radical or more progressive than the majority of the house."

Six weeks of debate in the senate are now in prospect.

The last of the amendments adopted by the senate committee is intended to conserve the constitutionality of the measure, and provides that if any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of the act is held to be unconstitutional by the courts, that such judgment "shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of said act."

Democratic leaders contend that the senate committee has reduced the average ad valorem rate of duty nearly 10 per cent below that carried by the bill as it passed the house, and that it has increased the prospective revenue for the bill about \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000.

Invited a Fight.

The Democrats have invited a fight in the senate over the administrative feature of the new income tax law by providing that the special employees authorized to be appointed for the purpose of administering the law shall not be selected under the civil service law.

The income tax amendment as the senate left it reduces the minimum exemption from \$4,000 to \$3,000 and

makes the maximum \$5,000. It distinguishes between married men and single men, giving an additional exemption of \$1,000 on account of a dependent wife and \$500 for each dependent child up to a limit of \$1,000. The senate bill also exempts mutual insurance companies from a tax on so much of their income as is distributed among policyholders in the form of dividends on policies or rebates on premium charges.

The free list was greatly enlarged by the senate. Pig iron, ferro manganese and many other steel products were free listed that were dutiable under the house bill. There was a reduction of about 10 per cent on the average in the manufactured products of steel.

One of the important senate amendments is contained in section five as a part of the administrative features, which authorizes the president to impose retaliatory duties to protect American exports against discrimination by foreign countries. Another senate amendment restores the tax of \$.10 a gallon on brandy used in fortification of domestic sweet wine.

DAYLIGHT INVENTED BY A SCIENTIST.

Philadelphia, July 12.—Dr. Herbert E. Ives, scientist of this city, has invented daylight. He has been at work for a dozen years at the research laboratories of the city gas plant and he has finally produced a light which has passed the test. The scientist has designed a powerful incandescent lamp with a special mantle which is so placed on top of a cabinet which he has designed that its rays are immediately beneath a reflector. This is made of metal and the light is forced downward through a series of delicately colored screens, and the effect is that of a perfect harmony light that is similar in every way to the rays of the sun.

BRYAN WARNS CUBANS AND DEMANDS JUSTICE

Washington, July 12.—Secretary Bryan administered a gentle warning to President Menocal of Cuba in a note communicated to the Cuban government through the American legation at Havana. The warning was sent in connection with the shooting of General Riva, chief of police of Havana, by General Asbert, civilian ruler of Havana province, and Representative Arias, a member of the

Cuban congress.

Secretary Bryan's message says: "The government of the United States notes with gratification that your excellency's government has evidenced its determination to mete out justice to the perpetrators of this crime, for it feels that only thus can representatives of the law and tranquility of the country be maintained."

ORDINANCE IS VETOED

Washington C. H., O., July 12.—Mayor H. W. Smith vetoed the city ordinance to submit to a vote of the people the question of adopting the commission form of city government.

Not Sufficiently Explicit.

"I think we met at a summer resort two or three years ago, didn't we?" "Perhaps we did. Your face looks very familiar to me."

"It ought to. I proposed to you one evening and you accepted me."

"Did I? Do you remember where it was?"

"It was on a hotel veranda, behind a lot of palms and rubber plants."

"Oh, you will have to be more explicit than that. Nearly half of my engagements have taken place with that kind of a stage setting."—Chicago Record-Herald.

BANK PRES. IS DEAD

Dunkirk, O., July 12.—Irvin Woodruff, 50, president of the Woodruff National bank, died after an illness of a month. He was a member of the council.

The Art of Talking Back.

"I hardly know how to answer you," said she when the soft voiced widower proposed.

"I would not let that worry me," said he soothingly. "That is something a woman learns perfectly soon after marriage."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

At the Wedding.

Bride's Mother—Were you nervous during the ceremony? Bride—Well, I lost my self possession when papa gave me away to Charley.—Judge.

GIRL PASSES FOR MAN

Akron, O., July 12.—Because she says she was tired of working for \$4 and \$5 a week, Miss Read Moore, pretty 19-year-old Kittinging, Pa. girl, was arrested in Akron for masquerading as a man. When questioned by the police Miss Moore said she has been working in livery stables and doing other hard work, for which she has been receiving a man's wages, for the last six months.

The mole would live beneath the ground, and nature closed his eyes.—Henry Drummond.

Crooksville, O., July 12.—Not content with any of the candidates so far mentioned for mayor, the dry element of this city is preparing to turn to an independent candidate. An effort is being made to induce Professor G. W. DeLong, recent candidate for state senator, to accept the independent nomination.

Mrs. Charles F. Baldwin will return home this evening from a visit at Aurora, New York, and New Castle, Pa.

SAVED FROM OPERATIONS

Two Women Tell How They Escaped the Surgeon's Knife by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Swarthmore, Penn. — "For fifteen years I suffered untold agony, and for one period of nearly two years I had hemorrhages and the doctors told me I would have to undergo an operation, but I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and am in good health now. I am all over the Change of Life and cannot praise your Vegetable Compound too highly. Every woman should take it at that time. I recommend it to both old and young for female troubles." — Mrs. EMILY SUMMERGILL, Swarthmore, Pa.

Baltimore, Md. — "My troubles began with the loss of a child, and I had hemorrhages for four months. The doctors said an operation was necessary, but I dreaded it and decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. The medicine has made me a well woman and I feel strong and do my own work." — Mrs. J. R. PICKING, 1290 Sargent St., Baltimore, Md.

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1912-1913
Meetings for the examination of teachers will be held at the Central School Building, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, the first Saturday of every month. Order of subjects:
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Address all communications to the Clerk of Board of Examiners.
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WOULD SAVE HER HOME APPEALS TO PRES. WILSON

Bandusky, O., July 12.—An appeal to President Wilson to ask Governor Cox to investigate an alleged injustice being perpetrated on Mrs. Mary Chapman in the appropriation of her home for a site for the national Perry memorial at Put-in-Bay, was made by Mrs. Chapman's brother, E. A. Foster. "A nation's disgrace may be averted," Foster wired the president. Mrs. Chapman was awarded a price of \$7,000 for her land by an Ottawa county

jury after the Perry centennial commission had condemned the land as a site for the memorial. She claims that she previously had refused an offer of \$14,500 for the property.

Conservation.

Mrs. Knicker—I thought you promised to stay on the water wagon while I was away? Knicker—I did, but the plants need it all up.—New York Sun.

A WOMAN'S WORK

sometimes reduces her strength to the depths of weakness—her devotion to household cares prevents sufficient rest and recreation. Thousands of women in this condition find Scott's Emulsion exactly what they need; it is predigested body-food so medically perfected that every drop yields direct returns in strengthening the organs and tissues and in making healthy, life-sustaining blood. Scott's Emulsion is devoid of alcohol or any harmful drugs, and overcomes tiredness and nervousness in a marvelous way.

A Little Mixed.

Sportsman—I wonder what's become of Mike? I told him to meet me here. Driver—Ach, 'tis no use tellin' him anything! Shure, sorr, at just goes in at was ear and out at the other, like wather off a duck's back!—London Tit-Bits.

Same Thing.

Wife (bitterly)—How can you talk that way? You know that I never enter you for money. Hub—No, but the people you buy things from do.—Boston Transcript.